

**Minutes of the twenty-ninth annual session of the Chestatee Baptist Association : held with the church at Tesentee, White Co., Ga. on the 19th, 20th and 21st days of Oct. 1867.**

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHESTNUT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT TESENTEE, WHITE CO., GA.

On the 19th, 20th and 21st Days of Oct. 1867.

TESENTEE, WHITE COUNTY, GA., Oct. 19th. 1867.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Blackwell, from St. John, the 18th Chap. and 36th vs, after which the delegates assembled at the house—prayer by Elder Wm. Pruett.

2d. Read letters from fifteen churches and enrolled delegates names.

3d. Called for portionary letters, and received Foders creek, Mt Ary, Nimblewill, Mt. Zion and New Bethel Churches.

4th. Elected Elder William Pruett, Moderator, and H. G. King, Clerk.

5th. Invited visiting ministers to a seat with us. Accepted by M. M. Roberts.

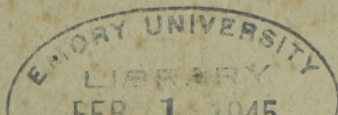
6th. Called for correspondence, and received from the High-tower Association a letter from the hand of M. Purcell, their messenger. Also from the Chattahoochee, a letter from the hand of J. J. Stargel, their messenger. From the Clarkesville Association from the hands of A. F. Underwood, and J. W. Meeks, their messengers.

7th. Appointed committees on preaching, R. C. Wootten, C. C. Early, M. Lance, Wm. Brookshear, H. Boyd. On arrangement, M. Free, J. M. Blackwell, B. Curby, with the Moderator and Clerk. On Finance, J. Blackwell and A. Kanady. On deceased members, J. M. Blackwell, J. Barnes and H. G. King. On arranging the sections, M. Free, J. Seabolt, J. Barnes, J. M. Brown, J. M. Barnes. On Sabbath Schools, W. W. Abercrombie and R. C. Wootten. Adjourned till half past 9 o'clock Monday morning—prayer by A. F. Underwood.

8th. Sabbath. According to arrangement by the committee, the stand was occupied by A. F. Underwood, M. Purcell, in the A. M., after intermission of thirty minutes, B. T. Curby and M. Roberts preached to a large and well ordered congregation and we trust to good effect.

9th. Monday morning, met according to adjournment. Prayer by D. S. Moose.

10. Called for the report of the arranging committee, which was read and received.



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11. Renewed the call for transient Ministers, accepted by D. S. Moose and E. J. Forgason.

12. Renewed the call for correspondence.

13. Called the roll.

14. Called on the committee who was to arrange the sections, which was read and received.

15. Read the rules of decorum.

16. Appointed correspondence as follows: To the Hightower Association, which is to convene with the Sharp Mountain Church, 8 miles North East of Canton, Cherokee county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in August, 1868. Messengers, R. C. Wootten, J. Seabolt and A. Christopher. To-coah Association, commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in Sept. next. Messengers, M. Lance, H. G. King, Wm. Pruett and H. Smith. Little River, which is to convene 8 miles East of Canton, embracing the 3d Sabbath in August next. Messengers, J. G. Jarrard, J. A. Fields and J. Luneford. Chattoohochee, which is to convene with Savannah Church, 4 miles South-East of Dawsonville, embracing the 2d Sabbath in October 1868. Messengers, R. C. Wootten, J. M. Blackwell, H. Boyd, C. Wells, W. W. Abercrombie, J. H. Abercrombie, J. M. Barnes, Samuel Gooch, J. W. Abercrombie and W. Slaton. Clarkesville, which is to convene with the Liberty Church, 9 miles North of Dahlonega, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1868. Messengers, J. M. Blackwell, Wm. Pruett, J. Barnes, C. Wells, D. S. Moose, M. Brookshear, M. M. Roberts and J. Barnes. Mountain Association, which is to convene with the Rocky Grove Church, embracing the 3d Sabbath in August, 1868. Messengers, B. Curby, S. Spivy, J. M. Brown and H. Crow.

17. Called for queries, and taken one up from the Choestoeys Church. Query: What will a church member do which has been excluded for no other cause, than they are not willing to go to their church, and submit to all the institutions of the day? Answer: We advise the churches in our counsel, to carry out the discipline of the church, strictly according to the rules of the New Testament.

18. Appointed union meetings as follows: Section 1st, at Concord, commencing on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May next, to be attended by D. S. Moose, J. M. Blackwell and J. W. Meeks. Section 2d, at Zion, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July next, to be attended by Wm. Pruett, D. S. Moose, R. C. Wooten, J. M. Blackwell, B. Curby and M. M. Roberts. Section 3d, at Mt. Zion, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May next, to be attended by Wm. Pruett, B. Curby, D. S. Moose, M. M. Roberts, A. F. Underwood, J. M. Blackwell, M. Free.

19. Appointed the next session of this body to be with the Yahoola Church, 7 miles North of Dahlonega, commencing on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1868.

20. Elected Eld. Martin Free to preach the introductory ser-

mod. and Eld. Wm. Pruett to be his alternate. J. M. Blackwell to write a circular letter from a subject of his own choice.

21. Called for the report of the Finance Committee, who report \$30.

22. Called on the committee on deceased members, who made the following report: We your committee on deceased members beg leave to make the following report since our last session. Concord Church has lost one of her standard members, Parson James West, who was Moderator of this body many years. We mourn his loss, but hope the loss of his family, and the Church, is his eternal gain. Rev. James West was born July 26th, 1778, and departed this life March 21st, 1867, being 88 years, 7 months, and 25 days of age. He made profession of religion in 1802, and was ordained in 1810, commenced preaching soon, under license until he was ordained, he refused to be ordained for several years. He was a Baptist preacher for 65 years—sound in the faith—preached until a few hours before his death, bidding farewell to all around him, farewell world—oftimes saying he was ready waiting the summons. Also Yaboola Church has lost two members. Susannah Hamelton departed this life July 5th 1867, in the 66th year of her age. She lived the life of the righteous and died the death of the christian. Mary Shelton was a pious member of the church, and punctual to her conference meetings. Nimblewill has lost one of her members, Unity Shuffield, she departed this life February 13th, 1867, being about 60 years of age. She was an orderly member of the Baptist church, between 35 and 40 years of age. She expressed in her dying moments that she had no fear of death. We mourn her loss, trusting and believing our loss is her eternal gain. Tezantee has lost one of her deacons, who departed this life in the full triumph of a living faith. Peace to his ashes. Also Mt. Pisgah Church has lost one of her members, Peter Seabolt, leaving a wife and several children to mourn his loss.

J. M. BLACKWELL, Ch'm.

23. Called on the committee on Sabbath Schools, who made the following report: That we recommend all the churches to organize Sabbath Schools, and report to the next session of this body.

R. C. WOOTTEN, Ch'm.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of 500 copies of these Minutes, and have \$5 for his services.

24. Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the Tezantee Church and vicinity, for their kind hospitality for entertaining this body during her session. After singing and prayer by J. M. Blackwell, adjourned. WILLIAM PRUETT, Moderator.

H. G. KING, Clerk.

# BULAR STATEMENT.

## DELEGATES NAMES :

## P. OFFIC.

| Contrib'n | Meet. Days | Total No. | Dead | Excluded | Dis. by Let. | Restored | Rec. by Let. | Baptised | Licentiated | Ord'n. Min. |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 2,200     | 3,200      | 43        | 1    | 0        | 9            | 0        | 13           | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 3,200     | 3,200      | 38        | 0    | 1        | 0            | 0        | 16           | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 1,300     | 1,300      | 105       | 0    | 0        | 3            | 1        | 4            | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 4,205     | 4,205      | 2,49      | 1    | 0        | 0            | 0        | 2            | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 2,250     | 2,250      | 107       | 1    | 1        | 0            | 1        | 1            | 2        | 2           | 1           |
| 2,175     | 2,175      | 91        | 2    | 0        | 7            | 1        | 1            | 10       | 0           | 0           |
| 2,200     | 2,200      | 52        | 0    | 0        | 0            | 0        | 3            | 5        | 0           | 0           |
| 4,100     | 4,100      | 20        | 0    | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0            | 6        | 0           | 0           |
| 1,100     | 1,100      | 15        | 0    | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 70        | 70         | 12        | 1    | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 145       | 145        | 45        | 0    | 1        | 7            | 0        | 0            | 7        | 0           | 0           |
| 125       | 125        | 10        | 0    | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 4,130     | 4,130      | 52        | 0    | 1        | 26           | 0        | 8            | 13       | 0           | 0           |
| 1,160     | 1,160      | 32        | 0    | 1        | 7            | 1        | 1            | 6        | 0           | 0           |
| 2,200     | 2,200      | 63        | 1    | 0        | 4            | 0        | 18           | 20       | 1           | 0           |
| \$30      | \$30       | 74        | 6    | 6        | 458          | 0        | 76           | 92       | 1           | 0           |

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|----------------------|-------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Bethlehem, Hall-Hall | White | Underwood           | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Concord, .....       | Union | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Mr. Gilead           | Lamp  | Chapman & Underwood | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Wahoo                | Lamp  | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Tesentee             | White | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| 2d Choastoy          | Union | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Yahoola              | Lamp  | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Mr. Pisgah           | Lamp  | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Zion                 | Union | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Fodders Creek        | Union | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| 3d New Bethel        | Union | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Mr. Pleasant         | Union | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Mr. Ara              | Lamp  | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Mr. Zion             | Lamp  | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Bethlehem, Lu.       | Lamp  | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Nimblewill           | Lamp  | Wooten              | A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady | Argo | Dalhousie |

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|---------------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Not Represented                             | Argo | Dalhousie |
| A. Wofford, W. Shyrton, C. H. Boyd          | Argo | Dalhousie |
| A. Kanady, J. Barnes, A. J. Kanady          | Argo | Dalhousie |
| A. Christopher, J. Blackwell, J. Evans      | Argo | Dalhousie |
| R. C. Wooten, C. C. Early, L. Allen         | Argo | Dalhousie |
| M. Jackson, J. Cook, Wm. Pruett             | Argo | Dalhousie |
| J. Heol, A. Walker, H. G. King              | Argo | Dalhousie |
| J. Seabolt, J. Swain, J. Hutson             | Argo | Dalhousie |
| J. Luchford, J. Fields, J. G. Jarrard       | Argo | Dalhousie |
| L. Spivey, M. Brown, G. N. Nott             | Argo | Dalhousie |
| R. C. Bryan, H. Smith, J. Presley           | Argo | Dalhousie |
| M. Blackwell, Wm. Brookshear                | Argo | Dalhousie |
| M. Brookshear, A. Presley                   | Argo | Dalhousie |
| C. Abercrombia, W. W. Abercrombie, J. Ab    | Argo | Dalhousie |
| M. Free, M. I. and D. M. Davis, Abercrombia | Argo | Dalhousie |
| Samuel Gouch, J. Barnes, C. Wells           | Argo | Dalhousie |

